YOU'VE BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN MANY WAYS
WE SHOULD ALWAYS HELP EACH OTHER OUT
AND PEOPLE WHO CAN BE HELPFUL TO ONE ANOTHER SHOULD MEET OFTEN
OF COURSE, JIN WILL REALIZE IT SOON AS WELL
SHE'S BEEN BY HERSELF UNTIL NOW, SO SHE'S LACKING IN MANY WAYS

BUT I'M VERY HAPPY THAT SHE CAN BE OF HELP SOMEHOW..
WE'LL WORK ON THAT FROM NOW ON
WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER OFTEN ANYWAYS

Serenade

BY KEUM KYESOO

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I PREPARED IT MYSELF ESPECIALLY TO CONGRATULATE YOU ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL

SHOULD I ASK FOR AJUMMA TO COME?

AH, NO...I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING.

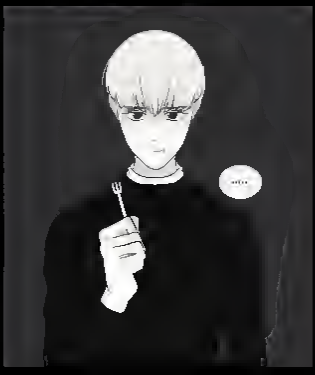
WHEN SHE SAID WE'LL BE SEEING EACH OTHER OFTEN, I REALLY THOUGHT SHE MEANT JUST THAT

PREPARING A NEW HOUSE IN A RUSH WHEN WE BOTH HAVE OUR OWN HOUSES...

...WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT IT MEANT THAT WE'D BE EATING BREAKFAST AND DINNER EVERYDAY TOGETHER LIKE THIS..

YEONHEE
???
YES?
TEA PLEASE

AH, YES.
MY GIRL

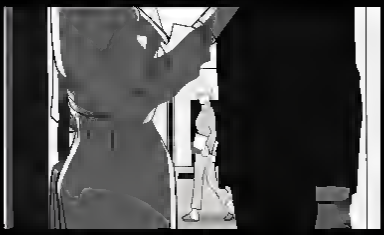

.....

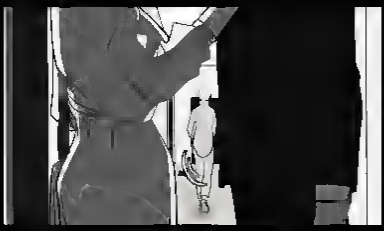
YOU'LL BE SEEING HER OFTEN FROM NOW ON. SHE'LL BE A BIG HELP TO YOU.

...YOU MAY THINK OF HER AS YOUR MOTHER.
THIS UNNIE HERE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU FROM NOW ON. WHY DON'T YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF?

WHAT A JOKE

BUT NOTHING IS GOING TO CHANGE EVEN IF I CARED...

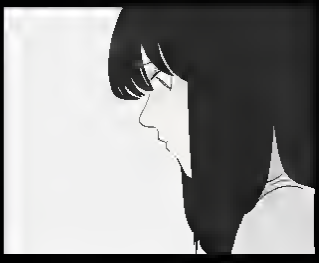




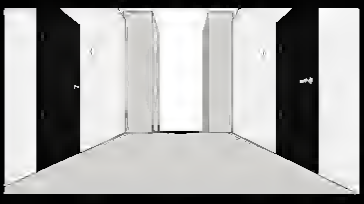
.. SO I DIDN'T REALLY COMPLAIN OR ANYTHING

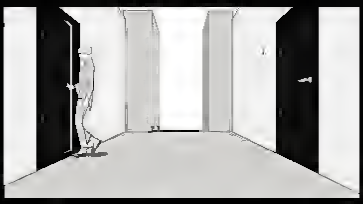
EVEN THE LESSONS WITH PARK HEE-EUN...

...SHE DID AS TOLD AND SHE WORKED HARD, SO...



...I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT



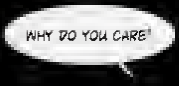


OH.

ONE THING.
THERE WAS JUST
THIS ONE THING.

ARE YOU DONE
TEACHING?

...
THERE YOU GO AGAIN WITH THAT LOOK. ARE YOU REALLY THAT ANGRY ABOUT SHARING THE ROOM WITH ME?
THERE ARE ONLY 2 ROOMS ON THE SECOND FLOOR AND IT'S NOT EVEN THAT SMALL SO IT'S FINE ISN'T IT?
SIGH...
YOUR MOM GAVE THIS ROOM FOR ME TO USE.
IT'S REALLY UNCOMFORTABLE SHARING IT WITH YOU.
...YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS, DO YOU...?


WHY DO YOU CARE!

GEEZ... YOU'RE SO PICKY... SUCH A DIFFICULT PERSON.
AS IF YOU KNOW EVERYTHING...

TAK
WHATEVER

LET'S GO TO SLEEP NOW. GOOD NIGHT~

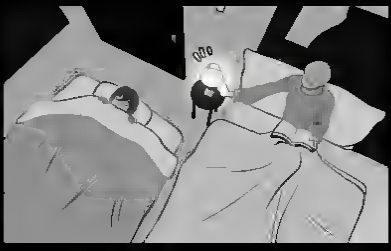
GET THE LAMP PLEASE~

I'M GOING TO READ

COME ON, LET'S GET SOME SLEEP~ IT'S 10 ALREADY, YOU KNOW?

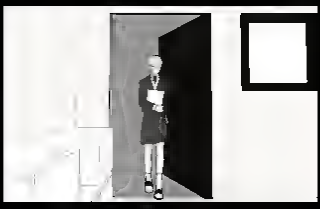
CAN'T YOU SEE I'M READING RIGHT NOW?

BUT STILL WE NEED TO GO TO BED WE HAVE SCHOOL TOMORROW



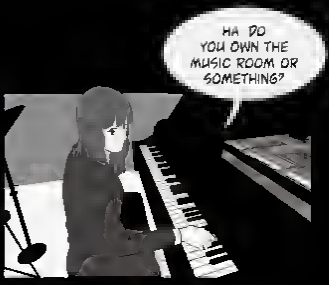
THE NEXT DAY

YOU KNOW SEO JIN FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT, RIGHT?
AH, THE ONE WHO ALWAYS PLAYS THE PIANO IN THE MUSIC ROOM DURING LUNCH?
AH!
THAT'S HER, RIGHT?
YEAH, DO YOU WANT TO GO SEE HER WITH M--



HEY JERK FACE,

YOU'RE GIVING ME THAT LOOK AGAIN...
MOVE. I NEED TO PRACTICE


HA DO YOU OWN THE MUSIC ROOM OR SOMETHING?

SIGH
I DON'T OWN IT BUT THAT PIANO IS MINE.

FATHER PUT IT HERE FOR ME TO PRACTICE WHENEVER I CAN.

HUH...

FINE~ IT'S ALL YOURS~
PRACTICE HARD~

HM? JAEHEE... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
UM...

MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF YEONHEE...?

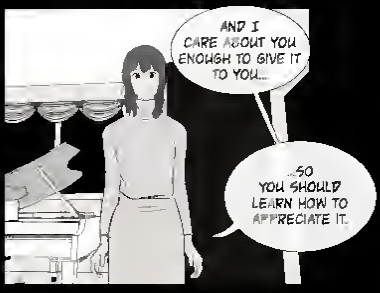
GENTLE BUT BLUNT WITH HER WORDS...

AREN'T YOU HUNGRY?
YOU DIDN'T EAT A LOT DURING DINNER EARLIER.
WHY.

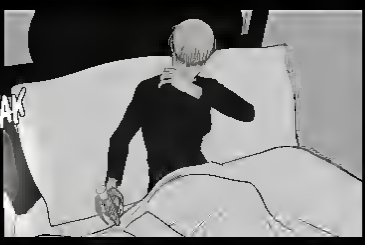
...NOSY...

IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS WHETHER I EAT OR NOT.
CAN I EAT THIS THEN?

DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.

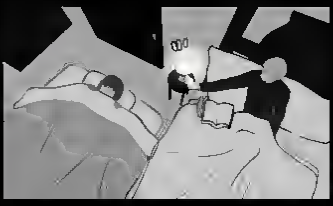


...AND UNNECESSARILY KIND...



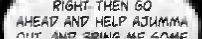
I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND HER

TO ME, PARK YEONHEE WAS SOMEONE LIKE THAT...SO MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF HER WASN'T VERY GOOD



YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO SLEEP!!!
I CHANGED MY MIND!

CHIRP CHIRP
YOU'RE UP EARLY.
YES, MOTHER... I DIDN'T SLEEP VERY WELL, SO...


RIGHT. THEN GO AHEAD AND HELP AJUMMA

WATER, WILL YOU?

YES, I WILL.

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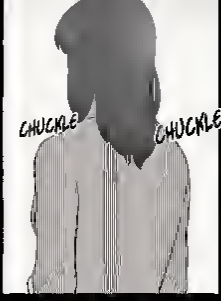
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT...?

DO YOU WANT SOME TOO?

JERK FACE?


CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE

Jr

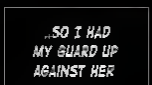
HEY! WANT TO GO GET SOME SNACKS?

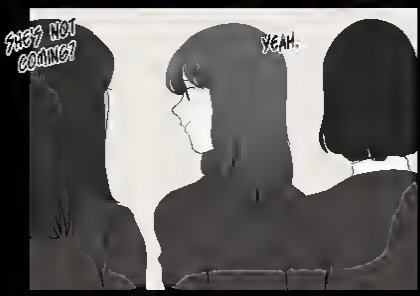
WHY WOULD I GO WITH YOU?
WE'RE CLASSMATES. WHY NOT? WE EVEN SHARE A ROOM TOGETHER...
I'M NOT GOING WITH YOU. STOP ACTING SO FRIENDLY!

OHH~? FINE THEN. SUIT YOURSELF~ JERK FACE

WHO WANTS TO GO TO THE STORE WITH ME~?
ME!!! ME!

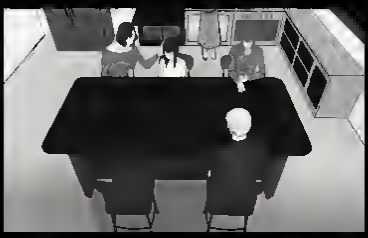
EVERY LITTLE THING ABOUT HER GOT ON MY NERVES .

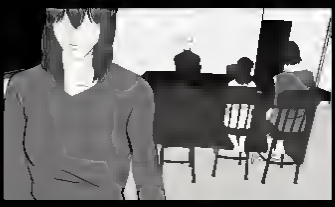

..SO I HAD MY GUARD UP AGAINST HER

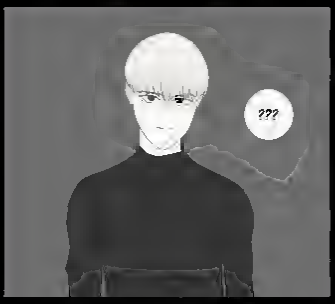

THEY'RE NOT COMING?
YEAH.

BECAUSE I HAD MY GUARD UP, SHE KEPT CATCHING MY EYE...

AND JUST LIKE THAT, I STARTED PAYING MORE AND MORE ATTENTION TO HER



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OH MY, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO...
IT'S FINE.

...???

TEACHER

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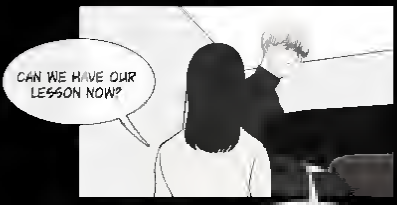

HUH? BUT WE STILL HAVE AN HOUR OR SO LEFT

TEACHER
HM?
WHY WERE YOU STARING SO MUCH AT YEONHEE UNNIE EARLIER?
...FOR NO REASON REALLY...
THAT'S A LIE YOU KEPT STARING AT HER
...SHE'S QUICK AT NOTICING THINGS...
...WELL...I JUST GOT THE FEELING THAT SHE WAS WITHDRAWN A LITTLE BIT.
HUH?

I DIDN'T REALLY NOTICE IT AT FIRST BUT SHE'S ALWAYS DOING EVERYTHING BY HERSELF

BOTH YEONHEE AND YOU ARE HER DAUGHTER'S. BUT

SOMEHOW IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE BEING TREATED NICELY

DO YOU WANT ME TO TELL YOU?

AH...I SEE...
YES.
BUT MOM SAYS SHE STILL LOVES UNNIE
SHE SAID THAT WE SHOULD HATE THE SIN, BUT NOT THE SINNER.
THAT'S WHAT I THINK TOO. SO FOR NOW I DON'T REALLY HATE UNNIE EITHER

to be continued...